From: Kari Green

Subject: Thousand Oaks Resident

Message Body:

My name is Kari Green and I have grown up in Thousand Oaks. I went away for college but am now back living in my beautiful city. I have worked in the malls of Thousand Oaks, Simi Valley, and now Canoga Park. Each of these malls is great and caters to its similar clientele and I am often surprised at the amount of customers I see that recognize me from my past days at the other two malls. I even work with a couple of people in this same mall that I did in the Simi Valley mall. Though The Topanga Mall is on the other side of the mountains, Topanga Canyon Blvd., the 101, 23, and 118 freeways allow for great and easy access to all of these cities and their offerings.

I have found it very common among the residents of my area of Ventura County to travel "over the hill" for entertainment, shopping, and dining without complaining. In fact, I know many that like the drive because they love where they live so much and also what the other cities have to offer. And it is all because of the three freeways and Topanga Canyon Blvd. that quickly and easily connect the cities of Thousand Oaks, Simi Valley, West Hills, Canoga Park and Chatsworth.

I would like to see the cities that border the Topanga Canyon Blvd., 118, 23 and 101 freeways in the same district. The residents all have the same desires in a community and it is these freeways and blvd. that connect them. It would make for a great district because it takes but an hour to make the full circle that is made up of these four routes. The like-minded residents of these cities would be equally represented by a senator and assemblyperson and would create a greater and even better functioning community and district.